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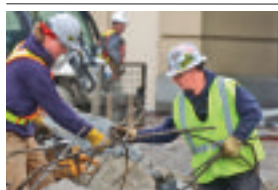
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Deal near for Ring Road?

Apparently 50 years is enough of a runaround for Calgary's Ring Road. Premier Ed Stelmach said yesterday that a possible June deal with the Tsuu T'ina First Nation "would be quite the accomplishment."

"Talk is done, let's get to the finer points," Stelmach said of recent discussions with Tsuu T'ina officials, adding the next move will be to have lawyers on both sides sit down and hash out the "finer details," with federal government approval.

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Chinook Centre blast injures 1

An underground explosion shook Chinook Centre yesterday and sent a construction worker to hospital.

Emergency crews arrived after numerous calls about the noon-hour explosion. Fire department spokesperson Jeff Budai said the blast could be felt two blocks away.

"There was an old gas station there so they may have hit something, but whether they did their due diligence or not isn't known yet," Budai said, adding Occupational Health and Safety are investigating.

The 22-year-old man was sent to Foothills in stable condition as a precaution.

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ROBIN KONISKY/METRO CALGARY

Roger Richard, president of Associated Cabs, was relieved to see the city approve a 12 per cent jump in cab fares — to be implemented as early as this summer. Ald. Ray Jones, who lobbied for higher fares, said the industry hasn't seen an increase in three years, though fuel prices have risen 38 per cent.

Cabbies get fare share

Fuel costs warrant 12 per cent hike, council decides

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

Rising fuel prices justified a 12 per cent hike in Calgary cab fares, city council decided yesterday, coming as little surprise to regular cab hailers.

Roger Maltais, 38, takes a cab up to three times a week for groceries or any time he needs to get somewhere and has had a "beer or two."

He figured a rate hike wasn't far off as the price of petrol continues its upward trajectory with no signs of falling off any time soon.

"They have to make a buck, too, right," Maltais said. "Everything's so expensive in Calgary anyway, so it was just a matter of time."

Passing a motion set forward by

in effect

» The date hikes will go into effect will be set at the June 9 council meeting.

Ald. Ray Jones, as early as this summer city taxi's will start their meters at \$3.40 and it will cost 20 cents for every 135 metres travelled, a move Jones said should help ease the pump pain being endured by the

industry after three years of stagnant rates while the price of fuel had risen 38 per cent.

The "compromise" hike falls short of what the industry wanted, said Associated Cabs president Roger Richard, but is still a good start.

"You always want more," he said, "but this will help, for sure, because for too long our drivers have been under substantial stress due to rising fuel and maintenance costs."

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10-hour rampage

Assault, robbery, carjackings during Sunday crime spree

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

A wild 10-hour cross-city crime spree landed a Calgary man in hospital and facing nearly a dozen charges when his time on the gurney is up, police said yesterday.

"With this level of violence, this number of offences to occur, it's very unusual," Sgt. Keith Cain said, noting a pistol was used in two robberies, 10 attempted or successful car-

timeline

► Between 4:10 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. — two robberies, one commercial, one roll job
► Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. — 10 car thefts, attempted and successful carjackings in every quadrant of the city

► About 2 p.m. — suspect hits street sign in front of school, chased by police on foot, taken to hospital in stable condition with broken nose, soft-tissue damage; passenger also taken to hospital

jackings and more than one assault, and he can't recall a criminal bonanza with this magnitude or scope ever in Calgary.

Cain said the revolver was loaded, but couldn't confirm shots were actually fired, and police are interviewing upwards of 60 people.

In the final vehicle jacked,

a silver Hyundai, a 75-year-old man is still in hospital in serious condition as blood seeped into his brain after being struck with the revolver, Cain said.

The vehicle was chased by police, hit a post and was pinned by cruisers when a foot chase ensued and officers used force to make the

arrest.

"It was a deadly force encounter," Cain said.

"Approximately 30 people had a handgun pointed directly at them, many at close range.

"We were certainly fearing for the lives of the citizens, especially the victim, who was unlawfully confined in the vehicle."

Cain said police aren't ruling out more carjackings and robberies that may have occurred in the 10-hour time frame.

Richard David Barker, 27, will face at least 10 separate charges from the event.

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Mother Goose **Child's play**



Andrea Loewen tries to restrain her 20-month-old son, Karl, who wanted nothing more than to feel the soft down of a baby goose yesterday along the bike paths on Memorial Drive.

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

\$24 million for skills competition

Province hopes WorldSkills 2009 attracts labourers

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Slag and sparks will drop, bricks will be laid, and by the end of it all Alberta's workforce should witness some

building momentum.

The province committed \$24 million for Calgary's WorldSkills 2009 competition yesterday, an event drawing skilled labourers from across the globe hoped to stimulate an exodus of world trade specialists.

"We'll never reach all our goals together if we don't start attracting more people

to Alberta," said Premier Ed Stelmach, indicating Calgary's hosting duties, only the third to be held in North America, could draw prospective labourers by showcasing the province's "high quality of training, trades and technology."

Mike Holmes, HGTV's home-renovation guru who will be the competition's

honorary spokesperson, predicted a trade-worker shortfall of a million people in the next decade if more youth aren't streamlined into the trades.

"We're short and we're short by a long shot," Holmes said. "This is what I'm supposed to be doing instead of fixing crap every day on my show."

»news In Brief

» **ENVIRONMENT** Disheartened by a lack of respect shown to environmentally sensitive areas over the May long weekend, Alberta's premier

said yesterday the government is looking for solutions to the re-occurring problem. "Enough is enough," Premier Ed Stelmach said. METRO CALGARY



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Almost 400,000 Calgary homes will be receiving their property tax bills this week. The deadline for payment is June 30 or there will be a 7 per cent penalty. The deadline doesn't apply to owners who pay monthly.

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Finding inner strength goal of women's seminar

Power Within conference attracts more than 3,000

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Empowering, enlightening, inspiring, uplifting — those are just some of the descriptive words from those who attended the Power Within conference for women yesterday at the Telus Convention Centre.

Focused on finding the power within women to achieve, the event brought in more than 3,000 attendees.

Salim Khoja, president of Power Within and who founded the company eight years ago, said while men have their sports, women

don't often have those kinds of networks and he wants women to develop those peer-to-peer connections.

"At the end of the day, if they can realize they can accomplish what they set their mind to, we feel successful,"

said Khoja, who hopes to launch a similar convention for teens in the fall.

Diana Hawryluk, who attended the seminar with two of her staff, said she feels

it's important for women to gather and get uplifting talks at times and to feel empowered.

"They (the speakers) gave me different outlooks," she

said. "We do have to be blessed for waking up in the morning."

The speakers included Karen Hughes, former adviser for U.S. President George W. Bush, Alison Lavigne, who has conquered

Mount Everest, and Loretta LaRoche, an international stress management consultant who uses humour to manage

stress in the workplace.

If you weren't able to snag one of the \$229 tickets, videos and blogs from the speakers can be found at www.powerofwomen.com.

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Salim Khoja

Power Within president

Calgarian second on reality show

28-year-old made finals of Handyman Superstar Challenge

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

He wasn't the handiest of them all but Handyman Superstar Challenge runner-up Ian Crosby is OK with that.

The 28-year-old Calgarian was one of two local competitors on the popular Mike Holmes Reality TV show who made the final 10 on television. Mike Golder from Victoria was the other runner-up.

"I was kind of surprised because I was just happy with making it to the finals, but it was a nice surprise," Crosby told Metro.

Finishing runner-up to a guy with 19 years experience compared to his four wasn't bad at all either, he said.

"Watching the show now I



Calgarian Ian Crosby, left, with renovation guru, Mike Holmes, was runner-up in Holmes' reality show, Handyman Superstar Challenge.

«I was kind of surprised because I was just happy with making it to the finals, but it was a nice surprise.»

Ian Crosby

see Dave Chalupa was here to win and he has loads of experience. It was fun just to

compete with him," he added.

Although the runner-up and even the winner didn't win a prize, just bragging rights, Crosby is happy with the honour.

"But if they threw in some tools or something, it would have been nice," he joked.

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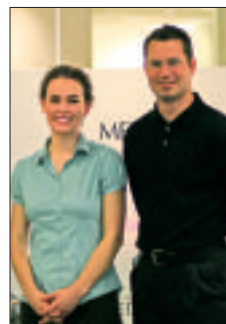
Program sends U of Calgary med students to rural areas

Pilot project aims to attract doctors to communities

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

In an effort to attract doctors to Alberta's rural communities, the University of Calgary is sending its medical students to different towns through a new program, Rural Integrated Community Clerkship (RICC).

The pilot project has students in Pincher Creek, Drumheller, Sundre, High River and Taber from April until December, having them work alongside a community doctor who gives constant feedback on their progress.



U of C med student Meghan Guy and Dr. Tobias Gelber

Meghan Guy, a third-year student working in Pincher Creek, is one of the 10 participants.

"It's not an experience you get in the city," Guy, who grew up in Calgary, said.

She said "it's definitely a different atmosphere" to be following patients from one

step in their medical process to the next, such as neonatal right to birth, instead of handing the patient off to another doctor.

Guy is working at the Associate Clinic with Dr. Tobias Gelber, who's been working with students since he graduated six years ago.

He said she's self-motivated and the attitude issues he dealt with in past students will "never be a problem" with the RICC students because they've chosen to be there.

"The biggest challenge is finding a balance (and not spending all my time at the hospital)," Guy said.

Now, she has recently joined a gym and is beginning to integrate into the community, which is one of the goals of the program.

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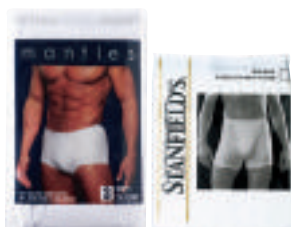
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Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko, left, and wife Kateryna arrive with RCMP escort in Ottawa yesterday.

Ukraine says thanks

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko thanked Canada for its help and hospitality over the past century and urged closer ties between the two countries as the former Soviet republic struggles to assert its sovereignty.

In an address to Parliament that kicked off his three-day state visit, the leader of the 2004 Orange Revolution said he was "filled with tender feelings" when he touched down in Canada, home to 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians, many of whom fled their country to escape tyranny.

"For me, as for millions of Ukrainians, this country and this land is sacred," he told MPs, Senators and diplomats gathered in the House of Commons for the address.

Ukrainian famine

» Today, MPs are expected to pass a bill recognizing the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 — the Holodomor, organized by Soviet leader Joseph Stalin — as an act of genocide.

The reverence was reciprocated for the democracy fighter, with several standing ovations, during his appearance and politicians clamouring to make his acquaintance.

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B.C. Finance Minister Carole Taylor is joined by Rozanne Kipnes, left, co-chair Tikva Housing Society, and Luis Guincher at the Dany Guincher House opening in Marpole, B.C., yesterday.

B.C. funds new housing

Eleven families and individuals who are at risk of being homeless, are living in shelters or are disabled but independent, will have a place to live after the opening of a subsidized apartment in Marpole.

The Dany Guincher House officially opened yesterday at a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Finance Minister and Vancouver-Langara MLA Carole Taylor.

Renovations of the three-storey building were funded by the Provincial Homelessness Initiative and the Tikva Housing Society.

Rozanne Kipnes, co-chair of Tikva Housing Society, said integrating support services with housing helps people move toward more secure housing, greater self-reliance and better employment.

METRO VANCOUVER

Bernier resigns post

Foreign minister steps down over document gaffe

Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier has resigned his high-profile post after he left secret cabinet

documents at the home of his girlfriend, a woman with past links to organized crime.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who for weeks denied that Bernier's love life was a security risk, last night announced that he had accepted Bernier's resignation.

Still, Harper told a Parliament Hill news conference that Bernier's relationship with Julie Couillard — and

her ties to biker gangs — were not a factor in his exit from cabinet.

"This is not to do with the minister's private life or the life of a private citizen."

But Bernier's departure came just a few hours before Couillard was about to go to



Bernier

air on the French-language television station TVA to say that her former lover was careless with classified documents.

Bernier, who attracted the moniker "Mad Max" in government circles, himself said he "became aware" Sunday night that he had left classified government documents at a private residence.

"Prime Minister, the security breach that occurred was my fault and my fault

Couillard tells her story

» During an interview aired last night on TVA, Bernier's ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard spoke of being invited to 24 Sussex Dr., attending functions at the Canadian embassy in Paris, and meeting U.S. President George W. Bush at a United Nations function in New York City. During the TV interview, Couillard held up an autographed photo and recalled that upon shaking her hand, Bush turned to Bernier and said, "Well, well, well, haven't you been keeping good com-

pany." Among the other key points of her interview: » She and Bernier met at a Montreal dinner party in the summer of 2007 through mutual friends, and that their relationship quickly became intimate after he returned to see her later that same week » She also attacked Bernier's "lack of judgment" and respect, and that "he should have foreseen everything that would happen. He's the politician, it was his game, not mine."

alone and I take full responsibility for my actions," Bernier, 45, said in his resignation letter.

Couillard's lawyer notified the Foreign Affairs department about the documents on the weekend, and the ma-

terial was returned.

But opposition MPs last night were demanding an investigation into the extent of security breaches committed by Bernier, calls that will continue in question period today.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stolen art could be melted down

It is not known if thieves who raided a Canadian museum plan to sell the precious art they stole or simply want to melt the jewelry down for its gold, police said yesterday.

The thieves who broke into the Museum of Anthropology in Vancouver over the weekend made off with 12 pieces of jewelry crafted by famed Canadian Haida artist Bill Reid, nearly all of which were made of gold.

The thieves also stole three gold Mexican necklaces, prompting fears from museum officials and Reid's widow that the art was destined to be melted down for its precious metal rather than sold to collectors.

The RCMP said it was too early to say what the exact motivation of the heist was.

"It could be only for the gold. It could be (for the art) to be sold abroad. It could be



JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

The Bill Reid sculpture, The Raven and the First Men, on display in the rotunda where 12 pieces of the acclaimed artist's work were stolen this weekend.

to sell in local pawn shops," said RCMP Constable Annie Linteau.

Reid, who died in 1998, is

best known for his carvings, one of which, Spirit of Haida Gwaii, is pictured on Canada's \$20 bill.

REUTERS

energy

Irving Oil to study Fundy tidal power

TIDAL Irving Oil Ltd will study the potential for a tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy, site of the world's highest tides, the company said yesterday.

Irving has teamed up with the nonprofit Huntsman Marine Science Centre to conduct two years of research on 11 prospective sites near the north shore of the bay, which lies between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Edmonton

Man gets four months for threats

SENTENCING A construction worker who verbally menaced Premier Ed Stelmach, along with threatening to head to his farm to kill his cattle, apologized in a long statement posted on Facebook after being sentenced to a four-month jail term, to be served on weekends.

"I understand from watching the news that he and his family were 'shaken' by the statement ... and for that I am truly sorry," said Ronald Labelle in the written 1,433-word statement.

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» news In Brief

» **RESOURCES** Officials from five Arctic coastal countries will meet in Greenland this week to discuss how to carve up the Arctic Ocean, which could hold up to one-quarter of the world's undiscovered oil and gas

reserves. Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States will attend.

» **SAFETY** A new review by Safe Kids Canada finds collisions are killing 30 Canadian children each year, seriously injuring

2,412 more, and that for kids, chances for survival if hit by a car would drastically improve if drivers would limit themselves to 30 kilometres per hour on city streets.

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Home sales parties began with Tupperware, cleaning products and lingerie, although the latest shocking trend blazing a trail in the U.S. is Tasers. Originally only available in a law enforcement model, the so-called "Lady Taser" is made in nine different colours and patterns. REUTERS

China praises quake relief

Rapid response shows commitment to people: Party

China's ruling Communist Party said yesterday its rapid response to the Sichuan earthquake demonstrated its commitment to the people, but acknowledged that voluntary

groups might have a role to play in reconstruction.

Individual citizens raced to help party members, government officials and troops after the 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan on May 12, killing up to 80,000 people and leaving 5 million homeless.

From taxi drivers ferrying the injured to hospitals to car



Years to rebuild

» The massive relief effort, taking food, tents and clothing to millions in towns and remote villages despite blocked and damaged roads and bridges, and the task of rebuilding homes and infrastructure, is expected to take up to three years.

clubs delivering supplies, the quake volunteers have such cachet that party members dispatched to the disaster zone also call themselves "volun-

teers."

Premier Wen Jiabao also won respect among the 1.3 billion Chinese watching the tragedy unfold on TV by rush-

ing to the scene within hours to encourage rescue workers and give hope to those trapped in the rubble.

The Communist Party's deployment of 17,500 officials and 2.2 million members who "faced danger and difficulty without retreating" to help survivors who "shed blood and tears without bowing

their heads" showed the value of its "people first" philosophy, said Ouyang Song, vice minister of the party's organization department.

Ouyang said non-governmental organizations could contribute to the reconstruction work as long as they did it legally and contributed to a stable society. REUTERS

Virginia Memorial Day



Amanda Doster, whose husband U.S. Army Sergeant First Class James Doster was killed in combat in Iraq in September 2007, holds their daughter Grace during Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., yesterday.

Israel has nuclear arms: Carter

Ex-U.S. president first to discuss Israeli arsenal

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has said Israel holds at least 150 nuclear weapons, the first time a U.S. president has publicly acknowledged the Jewish state's atomic arsenal.

Asked at a news conference at Wales' Hay literary festival on Sunday how a future U.S.

comments criticized

» A former Israeli military intelligence chief criticized Carter's comments and said they would do more harm than good.
» Carter visited the Middle East in mid-April

president should deal with the Iranian nuclear threat, Carter put the risk in context by listing atomic weapons held globally.

"The U.S. has more than 12,000 nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union (Russia) has

about the same, Great Britain and France have several hundred, and Israel has 150 or more. We have a phalanx of enormous weaponry ... not only of enormous weaponry but of rockets to deliver those missiles on a pinpoint accu-

racy target," he said, according to a transcript of his remarks.

While the existence of Israeli nuclear weapons is widely assumed, Israeli officials have never admitted their existence and U.S. officials have stuck to that line in public for years.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said Washington should talk directly to Tehran to persuade it to drop its nuclear ambitions. REUTERS

Sydney Pollack dies at 73

Hollywood filmmaker Sydney Pollack, who won Academy Awards for directing and producing the epic romance Out of Africa, died yesterday after a battle with cancer, his spokeswoman said.

Pollack, who also earned praise for his occasional work in front of the camera, was 73.

Spokeswoman Leslee Dart told Reuters he died at his home in the coastal Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades

at about 5 p.m. local time, surrounded by his family. He was diagnosed with cancer about 10 months ago, she said, adding that doctors were never able to determine the primary source of the disease.

Pollack's other notable films included *Tootsie*, *The Way We Were* and *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Services will be private, Dart said. REUTERS



Pollack

»news In Brief

» **ABUSE** Sexual abuse of children by aid workers and peacekeepers is rife and efforts to protect young people are inadequate, said a report that was published today by the charity Save the Children UK.

» **CLASHES** Sudan is on the brink of a new civil war following more than a week of north-south clashes in the disputed oil-rich town of Abyei, a senior southern official said yesterday.

» **PEOPLE** J.R. Simplot, the billionaire founder of the Boise, Idaho-based agriculture business that bears his name and who

helped make French fries a staple of the American diet, died on Sunday at the age of 99, officials said.

» **PANDA** China has recaptured a giant panda named Xi Xi that made a bid for freedom after a massive earthquake devastated the research base where it lived, the official Xinhua agency said.

» **CRIME** An American tourist was killed by a train in a Rome station as he walked on the tracks in a state of confusion after being robbed by a man who offered him a cappuccino laced with drugs, Italian police said yesterday. REUTERS

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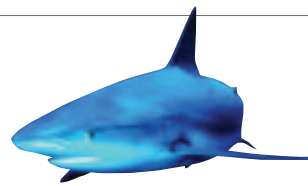
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McCain 'sick' about Iraq

Senator tells war vets that many mistakes were made

Republican presidential candidate John McCain sought yesterday to distance himself from President Bush's handling of the Iraq war, telling veterans on Memorial Day he was "sick at heart" at mistakes made in the conflict now in its sixth year.

"As we all know, the American people have grown sick and tired of the war in Iraq,"

VP candidates

» He spent much of the holiday weekend at a vacation home in Arizona with three Republicans who have been mentioned as possible vice

presidential running mates: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal.

McCain told hundreds of veterans and their families gathered for a ceremony honoring U.S. service members killed in conflicts.

"I understand that, of course. I, too, have been made sick at heart by the many mistakes made by

civilian and military commanders and the terrible price we have paid for them," he added.

The war is unpopular with voters, and in anticipation of facing Democratic front-runner Barack Obama in the general election in Novem-

ber, McCain has increasingly sought to disassociate himself from the administration's Iraq policies.

"We have new commanders in Iraq," McCain said to applause.

He continued with a veiled swipe at Bush: "They are following a counterinsurgency strategy that we should have been following from the beginning, which makes the most effective use of our strength and doesn't strengthen the tactics of our enemy."

REUTERS



A wounded man is taken to the hospital after the bomb explosion in the Colombo suburb of Dehiwala yesterday. At least seven people were killed and more than 60 injured when a bomb exploded on a train during rush hour in the Sri Lankan capital yesterday, military officials said.

Explosion kills eight, injures 73 in Sri Lanka

Tamil Tigers blamed for bombing capital during rush hour

At least eight people were killed and 73 civilians injured when a bomb exploded on a train during rush hour in the Sri Lankan capital yesterday, military officials said.

The military blamed Tamil Tiger rebels for planting the bomb, which detonated in the Colombo suburb of Dehiwala.

"Eight civilians including a pregnant woman were killed and 73 injured from the explosion," said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara.

The explosion came as the military and the Tamil Tiger

rebels are locked in a new chapter of a 25-year civil war that has killed more than 70,000 people.

"I was at home when I heard the explosion, when I came out I saw injured people struggling, so we sent them to the hospital using a

offensive

» The explosion came amid daily land sea and air attacks as the Sri Lankan military wages an offensive to retake the Tigers' northern stronghold.

bus and private vehicles," said Nandana Peiris, a witness.

A Reuters witness saw four dead bodies at the scene.

The military defused two powerful bombs on two buses over the weekend and has stepped up

security in public areas.

The explosion came after a Tamil Tiger rebel suicide bomber crashed his motorbike into a police bus in the capital on May 16, killing 12 people.

REUTERS

Mass arrests in Chile nab Pinochet's secret police

Nearly 100 former Chilean soldiers and secret police from Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship were ordered detained yesterday in the biggest single mass arrest for abuses during the period, ju-

dicial sources said.

Investigating judge Victor Montiglio ordered the detentions in a probe into the kidnapping and killing of 42 people during "Operation Colombo" early in the 1973-

1990 dictatorship, during which 119 Pinochet opponents, many of them leftists, died.

Some of those held worked for Pinochet's infamous DINA intelligence service,

which ran torture centers where hundreds of people were either killed or kidnapped without a trace during one of the darkest periods of contemporary Latin American history.

REUTERS

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In Brief

» **AFGHANISTAN** Italy said yesterday it planned to improve the ability of its 2,400-strong contingent in Afghanistan to react rapidly to outbreaks of fighting, including redistributing some of its troops there.

» **ELECTION** Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe will respect the will of voters if they end his 28-year rule in a run-off election against opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, the state-run Herald newspaper reported yesterday.

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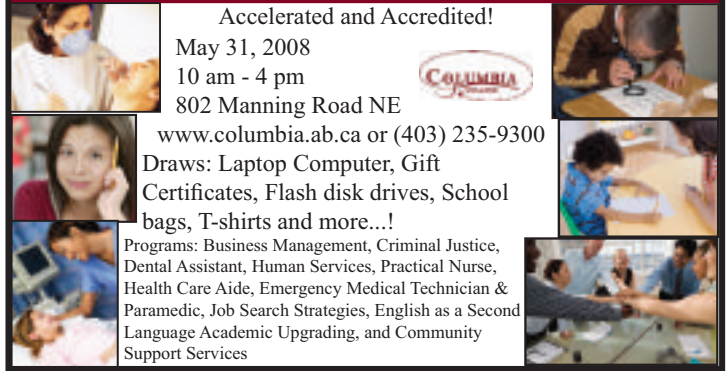
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REUTERS

Talisman shares surge on report

China's No. 3 oil firm said to be in talks with company

Talisman Energy Inc. shares jumped 6 per cent yesterday after a Hong Kong newspaper reported CNOOC Ltd., China's

No. 3 oil company, was in talks to buy the Calgary-based firm or some of its assets.

It comes a week after Talisman, Canada's third largest independent oil explorer, laid out details of an overhaul aimed at concentrating money and efforts on its highest-re-

turn assets around the world, a program that could mean up to \$2 billion in asset sales.

Chief Executive John Manzoni plans to sell operations in the Netherlands, Trinidad and Denmark producing up to 40,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day. **REUTERS**

Canada now a cashier nation

Country has more workers in stores than factories

Canada's red-hot retail industry employed more people than the beleaguered manufacturing sector for the first time last year, according to Statistics Canada.

Canada's retailers employed almost 1.79 million people last year to become the country's largest employer, pushing manufacturing out of first place by a slim margin of 5,000 jobs.

Canadian retailers are enjoying strong profit margins due to a stronger dollar, cheap Asian imports and an "effervescent job market," economists at National Bank Financial noted yesterday.

rising stars

» Retail sales grew fastest in home furnishing stores, gas stations and appliance and electronics shops. The three largest groups, new car dealers, supermarkets and general merchandise stores, all recorded below average growth rates.

But most laid-off factory workers see a job in retail sales "as a last resort" because of the low pay and long hours, said Dave Parker at the United Steelworkers job action centre in Toronto.

The average retail job paid \$14.87 per hour last year, roughly a third less than the average \$21.66 an hour manufacturing job, according to Statistics Canada's latest monthly payroll data.

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» **PHARMACEUTICALS**
Canadian biotechnology firms have joined a global chorus to rail against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's tardiness in new drug approvals. **REUTERS**



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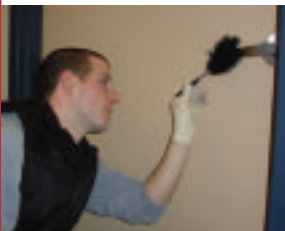
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American Ashley Harkleroad, left, currently ranked 61st in the world, has revealed she will appear nude in the August issue of Playboy. Harkleroad is the first pro tennis player to do a pictorial in the magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pens can't solve Osgood

Detroit posts 2nd shutout in row in Stanley Cup final

RED WINGS 3 PENGUINS 0

Chris Osgood made 22 saves for his second consecutive shutout as the Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit.

Osgood has been solid thus far in the final, stopping all 41 shots he has faced through the first two games to give Detroit a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Valteri Filppula and Brad Stuart each had a goal and an assist while Tomas Holmstrom also lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who are looking for their fourth Stanley Cup in the past 11 years.

Marc-Andre Fleury was charged with all three goals on 34 shots for the Pens, who are in the final for the first time since winning the Cup in 1992.

The series moves back to Pittsburgh, where the Pens are 8-0 this playoff season, for Games 3 and 4 with Game 3 set for tomorrow at Mellon Arena.

The Red Wings grabbed a 1-0 lead just 6:55 into the game. Filppula rushed the puck into the Pittsburgh end and dished it



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Red Wings forward Valteri Filppula scores a diving third-period goal on Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury last night during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit. The Red Wings beat the Penguins 3-0 to take a 2-0 series lead.

over to the right side for Stuart. Filppula then charged the net and Stuart's blast from the top of the right circle got through Filppula's screen and past Fleury.

Detroit took a 2-0 advantage at the 11:18 mark when Henrik Zetterberg got a backhand on net that Fleury slowed down, but Holmstrom knocked the puck

in just as it was about to cross the goalline.

The Wings grabbed a three-goal lead at the 8:48 mark of the third on a beautiful goal from Filppula, who skated down the wing, cut past Sergei Gonchar and as he was falling to the ice slid the puck past Fleury.

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sports In Brief

» **NBA** Antonio McDyess scored 21 points and added 16 rebounds as part of a balanced Pistons attack last night as Detroit defeated the Boston Celtics 94-75 to even the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece. Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics.

» **GOLF** Two-time defending champion Jim Furyk tops an early list of PGA Tour notables that confirmed their intention yesterday to compete for the

2008 RBC Canadian Open in July at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ont., Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames also confirmed.

» **TENNIS** Venus Williams reached the second round of the French Open with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Israel's Tzipora Obziler yesterday. On the men's side, world No. 1 Roger Federer eased to a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over American Sam Querrey.

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Game 2 — Last night

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Game 3 — Tomorrow

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6

Game 4 — Saturday

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6

*Game 5 — Monday, June 2

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6

*Game 6 — Wednesday, June 4

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6

*Game 7 — Saturday, June 7

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6

(Detroit leads series 2-0)

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CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 4 — Last night

Detroit 94 Boston 75

Game 5 — Tomorrow

Detroit at Boston, 6:30

*Game 6 — Friday

Boston at Detroit, 6:30

*Game 7 — Sunday

Detroit at Boston, 6:30

(Series tied 2-2)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 4 — Tonight

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7

*Game 5 — Thursday

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7

*Game 6 — Saturday

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6:30

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(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1)

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Washington at San Diego, 8:05

Leafs' GM hunt getting serious

And so it is coming down to a pair of ex-NHL general managers, Doug Armstrong or Neil Smith, for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

After receiving formal rejections to their requests for permission to speak to a bevy of active front-office types about their GM position, the Leafs will launch their interview process within the next week with Armstrong and Smith. In fact, they may be the only two who get interviewed.

And sources who irrefutably are in position to know have told Metro that one of the two very likely will be hired before the end of June.

The sources also said Armstrong is the top candidate at this point because the Dallas Stars — whom he essentially built — were im-



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pressive in advancing to the recent Western final against the Detroit Red Wings.

Armstrong, son of former NHL linesman and scout

Neil Armstrong, was the Stars' GM from 2002 until November 2007. A native of Sarnia, Ont., Armstrong served in different roles with Dallas over 17 years.

Smith, a Toronto native, was the New York Rangers' GM from 1989 to 2000.

» Dave Nonis, fired as the Vancouver Canucks' GM after the regular season and interviewed by the Leafs recently for a front-office job in which he would have been obligated to report to the new Toronto GM, will be hired this week as the new GM of either the St. Louis Blues or the Atlanta Thrashers.

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Many new moms tempted to spend

Dear Smart Cookies, my husband and I are expecting our first baby. We're ecstatic but already worried about costs. My new mom friends purchase so much for their babies and I'm worried that we will spend money we don't have, trying to keep up. Plus, I don't even have a realistic idea of how much we should spend in the first year.

— CARRIE R., TORONTO



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boo stroller and Coach diaper bag to suddenly feel like you need the same. As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy. Well, hold up yummy mommy! Smart Cookies consulted

our favourite hot new moms and are happy to share some tips. Total cost for baby's "stuff" in year one should not exceed \$6,500 (not including food), in fact, it can often be done for less.

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For safety reasons, we don't recommend buying used, but you don't have to spend a fortune. Ikea and Toys R Us both sell beautiful and safe cribs for \$250 or less. And forget fancy bedding sets that can run up to \$300. Instead, buy solid-colour bedding (\$50), then decorate the nursery with themed accessories. You'll save 60 per cent or more.

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TOYS

Babies don't really need any toys before they are 3 to 4 months old. Ask the new moms you know if they are interested in doing toy swaps every few months.

CLOTHES

Buy your children's clothes for next year at the end of each season. If you know your child will be wearing size two next summer, at the end of this summer stock up at Baby Gap



New moms are faced with pressure to be trendy.

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ing? Many hopes of starting a business are eliminated at this stage.

Check out your local bookstore or library. Many good books have been written on this subject.

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Beauty labels decoded

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From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

Organic beauty products are so popular that, with high-profile designers like Stella McCartney leading the way, mass manufacturers are scrambling to jump on the organic beauty bandwagon. But don't be seduced by slick marketing campaigns and carefully phrased packaging using the words natural or pure to appear eco-friendly.

The use of the word natural is completely unregulated. Any manufacturer can toss a few plant-based ingredients into a product and call it natural, even if the product also contains toxic chemicals. Instead, look for beauty products that are labelled certified 100 per cent organic. They contain organic vegetable oils and herbal extracts that are not only richer in vitamins and nutrients but safer because they are not exposed to cancer-causing pesticides.

Also check the extraction method used to derive the natural ingredients, as various extraction methods affect the efficacy of the ingredient. Oil or wax

extraction from a plant using either chemical solvents or extremely high heat destroys the plant's botanical properties. Look for the words cold-pressed on labels — if they're not there, keep shopping.

Choose products that use essential oils as a natural preservative. Synthetic preservatives will give products a longer shelf life, but may contain carcinogenic ingredients. Essential oils have been extracted from the leaves and buds of flowers in a steam-distillation process and are truly natural.

Your skin absorbs more than 50 per cent of the cremes and lotions you put on it. When shopping for beauty products, just think of this: If you wouldn't eat it, why would you smear it on your skin?

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How to read beauty product labels

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» **Made with organic ingredients:** Contains at least 70 per cent organic ingredients.

» **Hypoallergenic:** Products are less likely to cause al-

lergic reactions.

» **Alcohol-free:** Contains no ethyl alcohol (or grain alcohol).

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Centre: Green Apple Antioxidant Moisturizer, \$43 (2 oz.); available at Sephora.

Lush and The Body Shop products are well-known for their natural ingredients. Clockwise from top right: Glow Enhancer Pink, \$15.50, The Body Shop; Chocolate Whipstick lip balm from Lush, \$8.95; new Cinnamon solid shampoo bar, \$9.95 (55g); Shimmer Buds eye colour, \$18.50, The Body Shop; Goth Juice, moderate-hold hair gel, \$14.95 (100 ml); available at Lush.

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Text message break-up lines from Sympatico/MSN poll:

1. INUIM: "It's not you, it's me."
2. 86ed Ur #: Eighty-sixed your number, i.e. "We're just done."
3. H8 2 D8 U: Hate to date you, i.e. "This feels wrong."
4. UR 2 good 4 me: "You are too good for me."
5. 2 much 2 soon: "This is too much, too soon."

— Metro News Services

»news In Brief

» **BEAUTY** When facial cleansers don't remove mascara properly, we may be tempted to scrub our lashes clean, causing damage to lash follicles. Instead, saturate a cotton ball with a natural eye makeup remover — one that is specifically designed for the eyes. Hold it on your eye for a few moments to break down makeup; then gently wipe makeup away.

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Women take the lead

More and more women are taking a page from the lives of Demi Moore, Madonna and Cameron Diaz (be it their past or present) and reeling in those sexy, younger men.

And the men seem to enjoy a woman with a little more ... experience.

Fastlife, which offers specialized speed-dating events, is one of the many dating services that has become wise to this dating trend. Their Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events, which started in Canada just over a year ago, have become one of their most popular says the company's CEO and founder Justin Parfitt. These events are also their most successful in terms of matches.

"Generally, at an event

where there are 20 people, you get maybe 17 or 18 people getting a match. There would be two or three people that didn't," he says.

"But with these, we almost always get everyone getting a match and getting a match with several people."

Parfitt says he notices a role reversal at these events, where the women take the lead, while the men follow suit.

"The women that attend are bolder. They are in control and able to express their preferences," says Parfitt. "While the men

take on a slightly more feminine role. They are conscious that they are the younger ones."

Changing, it seems, are the days of the suave macho male taking care of his girlfriend's every desire. Of just older men attract-

ing beautiful, young women with the promises of being taken care of.

More women are taking to the dating motto of Ivana Trump — Donald Trump's ex-wife and former matchmaker of the reality show *Ivana Young Man* — and saying "I'd



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rather be a babysitter than a nurse."

But with such an acute change in the roles of men and women in dating, it's little wonder that most of us are so utterly confused by the opposite sex. When it comes to dating, what was once, whether we liked it or not, clearly defined by our gender, has now been turned on its head and we're left trying to catch up with the change.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.



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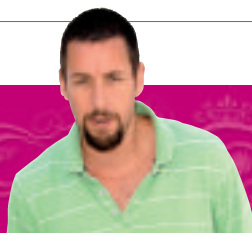
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Actor Adam Sandler, left, has announced that his wife, Jackie, is expecting their second child.

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CBC unveils fall lineup

U.S. game shows among new TV programming

By RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Calgary

In the glare of the noonday sun beaming down into the atrium at CBC's downtown Toronto headquarters, the national network announced its slate of fall shows, a menu of tried and true returning shows, while new programming was mostly relegated to one-off specials and miniseries.

The presentation began with Richard Stursberg, the Corp's executive vice-president of English services, taking the stage after a brief

filmed comic introduction by Manoj Sood of Little Mosque On The Prairie. Stursberg said that the broadcaster is coming off "a great year — our best in a decade," and indulged in a little gloating over the network beating Global with a 7.8 primetime share, its best performance in over 10 years.

That this past television season was also one where whole seasons of U.S.-made programs were virtually scuttled thanks to the Hollywood writers' strike wasn't mentioned, and with its almost entirely homegrown roster of shows, the CBC was able to sail through the year without resorting to reruns or lackluster last-minute substitute programming. The test will be seeing if the net-

work can maintain its lead in the year to come.

Among the shows returning are comedies Little Mosque and Sophie, as well as dramatic programming such as The Border, Heartland and British co-production The Tudors. The network's foray into reality programming — Dragons' Den, the entrepreneurial competition — is returning for a third season, as is The Hour, its topical variety chat show, and Steven And Chris, its flagship lifestyle show. The Rick Mercer Report returns, as does This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Royal Canadian Air Farce, for its final season, which culminates in a New Year's Eve special.

The big news was the return of Ontario-born Alex Trebek to the network, with its acquisition of rights to the long-running game show Jeopardy!, which joins Wheel Of Fortune, its other imported game show. Specialty programming includes a miniseries on the early career of Celine Dion, Everest, an adventure miniseries starring Jason Priestley and William Shatner, and India Reborn, a four-hour documentary on the surging economy of the subcontinent, by the same team that produced the network's well-regarded China Rises for the network two years ago.

Leafing through the binder handed out at the presentation, it looks like there's more

new programming in children's television — two new shows, Animal Mechanicals and Mighty Jungle — than in all of CBC's prime-time schedule. The Mother Corp is truly playing it safe this year, in apparent anticipation of its commercial competitors failing to get their largely imported mojo back in working order.

Sophie returns to CBC this fall.



Another action throwback for Stallone

Rambo

Stars: Sylvester Stallone
Distributor: Maple Pictures DVD
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LOOKING LESS bulked out than thickened, Sylvester Stallone pulls off the second part of a double play by reviving John Rambo for a fourth film, less than a year after adding a sixth installment to his Rocky Balboa franchise, both characters returning to the screen after a long hiatus.

With Rocky Balboa, Stallone's hand-dog protagonist returned for a bittersweet



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coda to the original films, but Rambo's return is a much grimmer affair, given resonance by a prescient choice of setting.

The film finds Stallone's Rambo living wordlessly in the jungles of Thailand, capturing snakes for tacky

tourist shows, when a group of missionaries approach him to take them upriver into Burma where they're trying to help the Karen people, a persecuted minority under the Burmese regime.

"Are you bringing weapons?" he asks pointedly, and we know that, if they won't, Rambo will.

When the missionaries are captured by a ruthless unit of the Burmese army, Rambo goes back upriver again with a group of mercenaries to perform a rescue mission, and for some reason these soldiers of for-

tune have no idea who's piloting their boat, though we all know they'll find out sooner or later.

By the time the credits roll, the body count has defied all efforts at tallying, and the pacifist missionary leader has gotten his own "first blood," so to speak, while a wounded Rambo surveys the carnage. The ending suggests the possibility of a Rambo V, a likelihood I wouldn't bet against.

Besides a digital copy of the film playable on your iPod or media player, the bonus features include featurettes on the production,

the weapons, and the political context of the film, which erupted into relevance with last year's protests by Buddhist monks against the regime, and again with the aftermath of the recent cyclone.

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music

Morissette battled eating disorder?



Morissette

PEOPLE Alanis Morissette's eating problems were triggered by a record executive calling her "fat," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

An executive called her into the studio and told her she needed to go on a diet.

"He suggested I was getting too fat, saying, 'You need to go on a diet.' My response was, 'But I'm a singer.' He said, 'Yes, well, you need to get small again.' That started a whole cycle. Two days later I was sticking my fingers down my throat." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Laura Allen, left, of TV's *Dirt* is expecting her first child with her husband Bruce Weyman, her rep has confirmed to *People*.

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movies

Documentary eyes Motorhead singer

PEOPLE The life and career of heavy-metal icon Lemmy Kilmister, the front man with venerable rock trio Motorhead, will be celebrated in a new documentary.

The film, tentatively titled *Lemmy* and slated for release in 2009, includes interviews with such peers as Slash, Dave Grohl, the Clash's Mick Jones, Alice Cooper, and Steve Vai.

Wes Orshoski is directing and producing the movie with Greg Olliver.

television

Hulk meets the Gladiators

SPECIAL NBC will next month air a special Incredible Hulk-themed episode of *American Gladiators*.

The effort represents a cross promotion for NBC Universal, whose Universal Pictures is distributing the Hulk film.

The Hulk-themed *American Gladiators* episode airs June 9; the film opens four days later.

REUTERS

TV spinoffs back in vogue

The knock against television series used to be that shows essentially told the same story week after week.

But lately, networks have been trying to replicate entire series night after night.

From NBC's *The Office* to Fox's *Family Guy*, broadcast-

ers increasingly are urging their best performers to produce offspring. The debut of Grey's *Anatomy*-inspired *Private Practice* last fall was only the start of the latest round. Next season there's the still-unnamed *The Office*

spinoff and Fox's *Family Guy* extension, *The Cleveland Show*, as well as Sci Fi Channel's *Battlestar Galactica* prequel, *Caprica*, which is filming a two-hour backdoor pilot. Projects based on Fox's *House* and *Prison Break* also are in development.

"It's a simple financial equation," *House* creator David Shore said. "Something is working, they want more of it. If you can figure out a way to split it in half, they're gonna go for it. It's really that simple, and I

can't blame them. It's just a question of making it work."

Spinoffs are nothing new. The annals of television count more than 100 attempts to successfully spin off a show's character or concept. The 1970s in particular were spinoff boom years, when such hits as *All in the Family* and *Happy Days* spun off multiple shows.

By the '90s, however, spinoffs had become much less common. Sometimes a network would spin off a

dying comedy to fill a ratings void (such as when NBC's *Cheers* successfully spawned *Frasier* and NBC's *Friends*, less successfully, gave rise to *Joey*).

TV historian Tim Brooks said the new spinoff projects represent an overall trend of networks trying to make safer plays.

"Networks with their declining audiences and pinched financials seem to be trying to stretch things more than create things," Brooks said.

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Frasier, starring Kelsey Grammer, was a successful spinoff of *Cheers*.

Music Everybody's groovin' baby



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Keith Strickland, left to right, Cynthia Leigh Wilson, Fred Schneider and Kate Pierson of The B-52s rock out on NBC's *Today* Show yesterday in New York City. The band's new CD, titled *Funplex*, is in stores now.

music

Winehouse denies Israel rehab trip

PEOPLE Amy Winehouse has refuted reports she is set to travel to Israel to receive rehabilitative treatment to kick her alleged drug addiction, *indb.com* reports.

Chris Goodman, a spokesman for the singer, insists Winehouse has "no plans" to fly to Israel. "These are just old rumours," he said.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs, left, has put to rest speculation he is romancing Eddie Murphy's ex-wife Tracey Edmonds, insisting there is "nothing" between the two of them.

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Politicians the new comedy stars

ONE TV, ONE VOTE: No less than Time magazine printed a plea last week that the candidates in this year's U.S. presidential elections abjure the late night comedy shows that have seemingly been annexed to their increasingly broad campaign stump. They're talking about the frequent guest spots that everyone from democratic primary rivals Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama to Republican heir apparent John McCain to former candidates like John Edwards and Mike Huckabee have been making on shows like Saturday Night Live, The Daily Show and, most notable with a single night that brought three Democratic hopefuls, former and active, together, The Colbert Report.



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"But now that the most gag-filled primary season in history is lumbering to an end," writes Richard Zoglin, "I have a modest proposal: Cut it out! The comedy campaign has gone from novelty to inanity, damaging not just the great tradition of renegade political satire, but whatever shaky credibility is left in our political process."

Frankly, it reads like a pretty po-faced bit of opin-

ionering, especially from a guy who wrote a history of stand-up comedy in the '70s. Even for Time magazine, it has a prescriptive, finger-wagging tone that almost feels like a throwback to the mag's Henry Luce Booth era, when its editorial influence was certainly far more potent.

Here in Canada, despite the sleep-inducing tone of our political culture, we have a political class that's more than happy to make an appearance on comedy shows like The Mercer Report and This Hour Has 22 Minutes. Zoglin seems upset mostly because political satire has been mainstreamed, a far cry from the days when Mort Sahl or Lenny Bruce were the nation's pre-eminent political comics: "They hardly ex-



Barack Obama is one of a slew of politicians making television appearances on shows like Saturday Night Live, The Daily Show and The Colbert Report.

pected, or wanted, the targets of their satire to show up onstage at the hungry (a legendary nightclub) and join in the laughs."

That was a long time ago, of course, and Sahl and Bruce have long been absorbed into the vocabulary of contemporary comics, not to mention the politicians' handlers, who are perfectly eager to book them on these shows. Time even gets it wrong with the

title of the piece: John McCain, You're Not Funny. Quite the contrary — in his recent guest shot on SNL's Weekend Update, blithely gloating about the divisiveness of the Democratic primary race ("Go ahead — fight among yourselves") McCain showed comic timing that was a high point of the night's show.

HELLO (SIGH) CLEVELAND: Wired magazine's

Underwired blog has a sneak preview of The Cleveland Show, a Fox spinoff of Seth MacFarlane's cartoon sitcom The Family Guy. "Judging from the intro," they write, speculating on the show's content based on a montage scored to what one presumes to be the theme song, "this show looks to be more of the standard MacFarlane fare: A plethora of pop culture references, crass jokes and loads of toon nudity."

You've got to be in trouble when your core constituency — and geeky dudes have always been MacFarlane's crowd — can't summon much anticipatory wood for your show.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

cannes

French cinema hits another high

AWARD Critics hailed the first French victory at the Cannes film festival for 21 years, after the acclaimed classroom drama *Entre Les Murs* (The Class) won the Palme d'Or for best picture late on Sunday.

The triumph marked another high point for French cinema, which has already celebrated a rare best actress Oscar for Marion Cotillard and a homemade box office hit *Bienvenue Chez Les Ch'tis*, seen by about 20 million people.

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In Brief

» BOX OFFICE Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull chased down \$311.1 million from moviegoers around the world, as nostalgic fans brought along their children to watch Harrison Ford's latest escapades, distributor Paramount Pictures said yesterday. The tally included \$151.1 million from the United States and Canada — the second-highest Memorial Day holiday weekend opening in history — and \$160 million from 61 other countries.

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critics' corner

Green Force

He's such a cad. That is, host Carson Arthur is a principal designer for CAD (Carson Arthur Designs); he's also a spokesman for Blue Planet, and in this series, he turns urban landscapes into green spaces. In the new episode "Community Garden," Arthur helps a group of people from all walks of life learn how to better manage their tiny communal garden. 8 PM on HGTV



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Catherine (Marg Helgenberger) has a brief encounter with a man at a bar after work. After a little flirting, she shoots him down, expecting to never see him again. Then he becomes the prime suspect in two homicides, and Catherine takes some grief from Grissom (William Petersen) for not telling anyone about the encounter. Alan Rosenberg, Helgenberger's husband, guest stars as the suspect in "Weeping Willows." 4 PM on SPIKE

MLB Baseball

"Go west, young man." The Toronto Blue Jays take that advice to heart this week when they embark on a nine-game road trip that takes them through two California cities. It begins tonight in Oakland, where they'll oppose Bobby Crosby and the surprising A's for three games, continues Friday in Los Angeles against the first-place Angels, and concludes next week with the Jays' second visit this season to New York. 8 PM on net

celebritybuzz

Book targets Courtney

Rocker Courtney Love's inner circle were so concerned with her alleged drug use they had her reconsider her pregnancy, *PageSix.com* reports an upcoming book as claiming.

In *Bumping Into Geniuses*, a memoir about the music business, Danny Goldberg, former CEO of Warner Bros. Records who also managed Nirvana, the band of Love's late husband Kurt Cobain, reveals how he and a group of Love's inner circle — worried about her alleged heroin use during pregnancy — plotted an intervention.

During a meeting in Los Angeles with a doctor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's chemical dependency program, the

doctor "tried to give clinical advice, suggesting to Courtney that it was not a great idea to have a baby while dealing with addiction," writes Goldberg.

That didn't sit well with Love, who was pregnant with Cobain's child.

"You're not telling me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion, are you?" asked Courtney, her voice rising with her trademark hostile whine. 'I mean, I'm pro-choice, but that doesn't mean that anyone has the right to tell me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion.'

"(He) suggested that it might not be safe for the baby, and Courtney, who was only six weeks pregnant, went into a confrontational mode. 'Is that a medical

fact, or is that just your opinion? I want to see it in a medical book.' She was interested in medical facts, not a sermon. (He) sheepishly acknowledged that at this early stage of pregnancy a woman could discontinue heroin use with no physical or psychological damage to the fetus. Courtney looked triumphant as she towered over the doctor seated at his desk."

Love is said to have stopped using heroin, and Frances Bean was born in perfect health on Aug. 18, 1992.

Love had no comment on the book, which is scheduled to hit stores in September.

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Nicole reaps award

Nicole Richie has won a parenting award, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The new mother received a Golden Pacifier Award from America's *Babytalk* magazine.

Richie gave birth to daughter Harlow, her first child with musician Joel Madden, in January.

"Honouring Nicole Richie with a *Babytalk* Golden Pacifier Award might come as a surprise to some, but we felt that she deserved some recognition for her turnaround since becoming a mom," said *Babytalk* editor-in-chief Lisa Moran. "She has grown up a lot since the arrival of little Harlow, and her creation of the Richie-Madden Children's Foundation has demonstrated her efforts to set a good example by shining a spotlight on important issues affecting today's families."

Before having Harlow, Richie spent time in jail during her pregnancy after being convicted of driving under the influence.

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New guy for Britney

Britney Spears reportedly has a new boyfriend, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer made her first formal public appearance in months at a birthday party in Los Angeles on Saturday, accompanied by Jason Trewick.

Trewick, who, according to sources, has known Spears "for years" — has been growing closer to her since her recent holiday in Costa Rica.

Spears' father, Jamie, has reportedly given his blessing to the new romance, calling Trewick "a stabilizing influence."

A source told Britain's *Daily Mirror* newspaper: "Jamie thinks Jason would be a great match for Britney. She always had a thing for bad boys but now she realizes good guys can be attractive, too."

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Shop angers Tom

Actor Tom Cruise has slapped the owners of a top Los Angeles baby boutique with a cease and desist letter, accusing them of going public with purchases he and wife Katie Holmes have made, *imdb.com* reports.

Cruise's legal team has fired off documents to the bosses of Petit Tresor, warning them to stop talking to the media about private Cruise family matters.

According to the documents, obtained by *TMZ.com*, Cruise was particularly upset when store bosses allegedly leaked false information suggesting the actors have spent more than \$350,000 US on wardrobe items for their daughter Suri in the two years since her birth.

The lawyers insist no one at the store should "say anything (whether true or false) about Mr. Cruise and Ms. Holmes' shopping habits."

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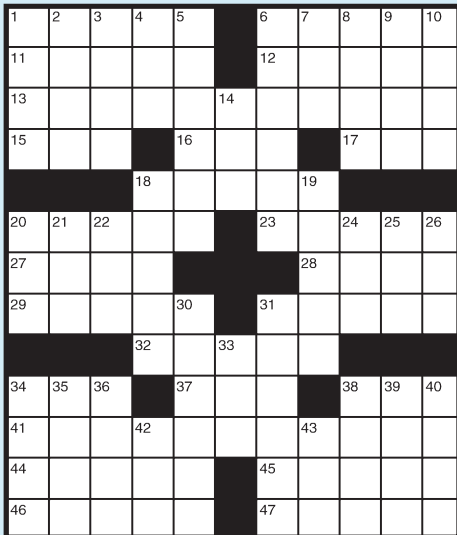
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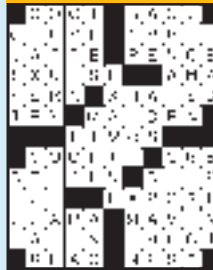
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| 7 Will Smith film | 33 A pop |
| 8 Slimming plan | 34 Beige |
| 9 Qualified | 35 Penn or Connery |
| 10 Take the bus | 36 Closes |
| 14 Informer | 38 Doozy |
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previous answer



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B. 121
C. 131
D. -3

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes Genius
13-17 minutes Scholar
17-21 Smart
21-25 Pretty good
More than 25 Keep practising

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

There's less resistance to the truth. A strange person isn't really that different. Your interest is sparked by an elder.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Limit restrictions on yourself when meeting someone. Fitness plans should go into action. There's an attraction to those who help you.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Closure is found in a relationship. A debate makes light of personal needs. Surprise someone into remembering their obligations.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A fearful person may not be telling the truth. Find a clearance sale for bargains. Get grounded to answer a risky question.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Learn to let go for a friend. An authority figure will take a fall. Past wrongs can't be fixed because of a dreadful fear.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

If you wrestle with your self-doubt, you'll win. You're moving onto the fast track. There are benefits to making a confession.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Behave with dignity when forced to deal with nonsense. Purchase essential assets privately. A meeting brings you some fine benefits.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Behave conservatively at a meeting. Someone will entangle you in pointless details. Good judgment is the winner near sunset.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A reprieve has a miraculous effect. You must thank those who give comfort. Beneficial ties can open closed doors.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A worthy helper needs a secret to be told. Balance your needs with group interests. Cultivate friendship when given options.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Promises are kept by a brunette. Someone shows the other side of an argument. A creative venture needs direction.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Be mysterious with a speaker. Someone will get in touch sooner than expected. Wise words will soothe thoughts.

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 27, 1813: In the War of 1812, American forces capture Fort George.

May 27, 1907: A bubonic plague outbreak begins in San Francisco, Calif.

May 27, 1937: In California, the Golden Gate Bridge opens to pedestrian traffic, creating a vital link between

San Francisco and Marin County.

May 27, 1999: The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands, indicts Slobodan Milošević for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kosovo.

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Calgary weather

Afternoon

Mainly sunny.
16°

Tonight

Clear.
Low 4°

Wednesday

Sunny.
21° / 5°

Thursday

Sunny.
21° / 8°

Friday

Partly cloudy.
17° / 6°



Temperature Normals
High: 18.8°
Low: 4.8°

Records
High: 30°/1936
Low: -2.2°/1921

Sunrise: 5:30 a.m.
Sunset: 9:36 p.m.
Moonrise: 2:13 a.m.
Moonset: 12:41 p.m.

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